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PROJECT "TNT" . . .

Project "TNT" (Training New Teachers) seems to be long on fuse, for few eligible applicants have been processed since the project's inception.

The project, designed to recruit and train new teachers, provides grants for student fees, weekly stipends of $75 and dependency allowances of $15 per week for each actual dependent (up to two dependents) for one quarter of college training.

The intent of the project is the alleviation of immediate, critical teacher shortages. Therefore, training is limited to persons whom school districts intend to employ in the fall, assuming they will qualify for certification during the spring or summer sessions.

AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE . . .

Grants can be made available to eligible applicants for spring or summer quarter training at Northern Montana College, the University of Montana or Western Montana College.

WHO MAY APPLY . . .

Training is limited to one full quarter of college work. Candidates selected as teacher trainees will be those who, in one college quarter, will be able to qualify for Class 5 (Provisional) teacher certification at either the elementary or secondary level. CANDIDATES MUST NOT HAVE TAUGHT REGULARLY DURING THE SEMESTER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE QUARTER IN WHICH THEY EXPECT TO ENTER TRAINING, other than substitute teaching. Candidates may include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Bachelor's (or higher) degree graduates in the Liberal Arts who have had no professional education course work, or who have insufficient professional course work to qualify for Class 5 certification. (Homemakers, returning veterans, persons now engaged in other occupations.)

2. Persons who need one quarter or less of college work to complete a Bachelor's degree and Class 5 (or possibly Class 2) certification requirements.

3. Secondary-trained teachers, who have not taught REGULARLY DURING THE SEMESTER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE QUARTER IN WHICH THEY EXPECT TO ENTER TRAINING, who wish to convert to elementary teaching.

4. Persons formerly trained as teachers who are ineligible for certification because their training is more than fifteen (15) years old.

5. Substitute teachers who have been employed as teachers 50 percent or less of the school year immediately preceding the training program.

Terms of the Federal Act specify the intent of employment after training, so candidates for training must be "sponsored" by a local school district desiring to employ them on completion of qualification for certification.

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HOW TO APPLY . . .

Interested persons or school administrators wishing to sponsor applicants can request application forms from Herman Tushaus, Educational Professions Development Supervisor, Office of the State Superintendent, Helena, 59601, telephone 449-2080.

School administrators who do not know of eligible candidates in their local communities, but who would be interested in "getting together with" potential TNT candidates may also wish to contact Mr. Tushaus.

CONSIDERATIONS IN SELECTION . . .

Priority will be given to applicants intending to teach in the following areas and/or situations:

1. Rural elementary teachers;

2. Elementary school teacher-librarians;

3. Kindergarten teachers;

4. Other elementary teachers;

5. Teachers for schools located on or adjacent to Indian reservations;

6. Elementary and/or secondary music teachers;

7. Secondary teacher-librarians;

8. Secondary English teachers;

9. Any other area where the local school district can document a specific need greater than the priorities listed above.

DEADLINE . . .

March 20, 1970, is the application deadline date for spring quarter. May 20, 1970, is the application deadline date for summer quarter.